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| <p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.</p> | Application Number | 09/441,061 |
| | Filing Date | 11/16/1999 |
| | First Named Inventor | ENDL et al. |
| | Group Art Unit | 1644 |
| | Examiner Name | F. P. VANDER VEGT |
| | Attorney Docket Number | 2923-335 |
| <p>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.</p> <p>NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See <i>Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice</i>, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.</p> | | |

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.170(i) required.)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee for three (3) months (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1,720.00 enclosed.
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)

| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED | | | |
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| NAME AND REG. NUMBER | Michael J. Moran, Reg. No. 42,013 | | |
| SIGNATURE |  | DATE | December 23, 2003 |

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